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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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AMEMBASSY MUSCAT BY POUCH

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TAGS: EFIN, PINS, TC, KU, MU

SUBJ: MURDER OF KUWAITI IN BEIRUT

1. AMERICAN REP OF BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE (25PERCENT BANK OF AMERICA) IN ABU DHABI HAS SHOWN EMBASSY COPY OF TELEX RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN LTD. TELEX REPORTS KIDNAPPING AND MURDER IN BEIRUT OF HAJI ABDUL AMIR SULTAN, ONE OF SEVERAL KUWAITI BROTHERS WHO OWN W.J. TOWELL AND CO. MURDER APPARENTLY OCCURED ON JAN 19 RPT 19.

2. VICTIM RESIDED IN KUWAIT AND HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN OR B OF A OTHER THAN HIS SHARE OF OWNERSHIP NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN HELD BY TOWELL. VICTIM'S BROTHER, HOWEVER, IS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF BANK AND SPENDS AT LEAST PORTION HIS TIME IN OMAN.

3. FYI-OWNERSHIP OF NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN IS AS FOLLOWS:
BANK OF AMERICA - 19 PERCENT; BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE AND TOWELL REMAINDER.

4. BOFA REP UNDERSTANDS KIDNAPPERS DEMANDED APPROX \$12 MILL RANSOM BUT NOT CERTAIN WHETHER IT PAID. HE IS, HOWEVER,
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INTERESTED TO KNOW ANY DETAILS AVAILABLE BEIRUT OR KUWAIT,

PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS MOTIVES. SPECIFICALLY, HE WISHES
KNOW WHETHER POLITICAL MOTIVES WHICH MIGHT CONSTITUTE
SPECIFIC THREAT TO BOFA EMPLOYEES AND INTERESTS INVOLVED.
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